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To Whom It May Concern:

The city has received your correspondence regarding the proposed Newark Exploratory Drilling project. Within these correspondence, it has been stated that the operations will use 5-10,000 gallons of water per day, with an interest in potential getting such water from the City of Custer.

The city has concerns with the potential of this much water being pulled from our system especially during the busy summer months. We would request more information in regard to this water usage including the quantity, method of acquiring and hauling such water and length of time for the water usage.

In addition, the city would like to have a detailed plan of this exploratory process to include how long would this exploratory process last and what would be the hours of operation during this time. It has been mentioned the operation would be running 24 hour per day, what would the operation look like during the day hours versus the evening hours? What is the length of the exploratory process?

We would appreciate F3 Gold's response to these questions and the US Forest Service making note of these concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Brown  
Mayor